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Letter dated 22 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention the statement concerning the situation in Timor by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union published on 20 September 2000 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 22 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement concerning the situation in Timor by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union remains deeply concerned at the current state of violence and insecurity in West Timor and its negative impact on East Timor, as well as the continued tension and violence in the Moluccas and Aceh.

The European Union calls upon the Government of Indonesia to take immediate and appropriate action to disarm and dismantle the militias in West Timor and to bring to justice those responsible for the attacks on international personnel and refugees, in accordance with previous statements by the Union and the terms of Security Council resolution 1319 (2000) of 8 September. The resumption of humanitarian aid in West Timor and of the resettlement of refugees is an essential condition for lasting peace and stability.

The European Union stands ready to support the Government of Indonesia, together with the relevant international humanitarian agencies, in solving the pressing problem of refugees in West Timor.

The European Union appreciates that the Indonesian Government has agreed to a visit of a European Union mission to the Moluccas. The European Union urges the Government of Indonesia to swiftly restore and consolidate peace and normalcy on the Moluccas.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey and the European Free Trade Association countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with the present statement.